

TOWN OF TRURO  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2006

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Curtis Hartman, Jan Worthington, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Chief Thomas, Thomas Peters, Tim Silva, Bill Worthington, Skip Dickerson, Charles Morton, Bob Holt, Kevin Kuechler, Jim Kyed, Sally Brotman, and Steve Desroche of the Cape Codder. Clerk Christopher R. Lucy and Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree were absent.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes: Mr. Hartman moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of June 20, 2006, as presented. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Public Comment:** None.

**Police Department appointment:** Chief Thomas requested that the BOS appoint Acting Sergeant David Perry to Sergeant, which will fill the vacancy caused by Barry Meegan's retirement. **Mr. Gaechter moved to appoint David Perry as Sergeant for a term beginning July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Mass. Technology Collaborative:** Mr. Gaechter explained that the Mass. Technology Collaborative was helping the Energy Committee with their study of potential wind turbines in Truro. Kristin Burke gave the Board some background on the MA Technology Collaborative, and explained their function and that financial assistance through the Renewable Energy Trust Fund is available for clean energy projects. Between \$20-30 million dollars is awarded annually. She gave a power point presentation on the ways they can assist municipalities with wind energy projects.

**Interviews:** The Board interviewed Larry Lown for a position on the Concert Committee. His application is supported by the Concert Committee. **Ms. Worthington moved to appoint Larry Lown to the Truro Concert Committee. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

Charles Morton has applied to serve on the Pamet Harbor Commission. PHC Chairman Tim Silva explained that he believes he has two openings on the PHC. He has contacted both Ms. Costa and Mr. Perry about their expiring terms, and neither has indicated that they wish to be reappointed. Ms. Costa has missed the last five meetings, and Mr. Perry is very involved in the Housing Authority. Mr. Gaechter said that there are no openings on the PHC because no letters of resignation have been received. Mr. Silva pointed out that Mr. Morton was present for his interview. Mr. Gaechter said that the BOS does not like to interview applicants until there is a resignation. Mr. Morton agreed to have his interview rescheduled. Mr. Silva was asked to get the letters needed, and if the PHC wanted to remove Ms. Costa for non-attendance, they would have to take a vote to ask the BOS to do this.

**Sunday Entertainment license: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the Sunday Entertainment license for Payomet Performing Arts and to waive any fee. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Curb Cut, South Hollow Road:** Thomas Peters has requested a curb cut for his property at 9 Shore Road. He explained that the State has already granted him a permit. He explained that his access has been constrained by the addition to his abutters house, which is his brother Mark's and sister-in-law Jane Peter's house. Originally there were two access points, but he feels that Route Six is dangerous, and the access point on Rte. 6A is very poorly graded, is steep, and has washed out in the past. The safest and best access is on South Hollow Road, right across from the Winery. Mr. Gaechter asked why he needs access. Mr. Peters explained that there is a sailboat and an old shed on the property. He would like to put in a garden and have access for general maintenance of the lot. He does not plan to build on it right now, but it is a build-able lot. **Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the curb cut. Mr. Palmer seconded it.** Ms. Worthington asked for clarification on whether there is currently an access. Mr. Peters explained that when the property was subdivided, he was not sure if an easement was retained. Mr. Gaechter said that in any case, that access went through the abutter's property. **Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Reappointments to Multi-member bodies: Mr. Gaechter moved that by acclamation they reappoint all those who have requested to be reappointed and continue to query those who have not responded, and to send thank you letters to those requesting not to be reappointed.**

**Americorp sign request:** Ms. Nolan explained that Americorp has requested permission to erect three temporary signs on Rte. Six and that the fee be waived. Mr. Wingard told her that he will approve the sign request. **Mr. Hartman moved to waive the fee for Americorp. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Coastal Zone Management grant application:** Ms. Nolan explained that this was to fix the Pamet Harbor parking lot. Sterns & Wheler, LLC are preparing the grant application. Mr. Morris applied to do this work seven years ago, but we didn't get it. We hope to be successful this time. It is a \$140k grant with matching in-kind services which the DPW would do; the CIP could be looked at, or we could ask ATM for any additional funds, if needed. This is part of our Pamet Harbor ten-year maintenance plan. The parking lot will be slanted so that run-off is directed away from the Harbor and Bay; the lot will also be resurfaced. Ms. Nolan requested that the Board approve sending the grant. **Mr. Hartman so moved. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Architect fees for Community Center:** Ms. Nolan said that the new design for the Community Center would not be a complete re-do, so Ammondson's fee reflects that; she requested that the BOS approve it. Mr. Reich told her that \$239,739.00 is an appropriate price to pay. She also is asking the BOS for a provision to send out a Notice to Proceed to Ammondson Architects. The TBC has cut the size of the multi-purpose room (MPR) almost in half, and the total square

footage of the building is now 7,500 instead of a 12,000 square foot building. The construction budget for this 7,500 square foot building is \$2.8 million dollars, at \$335.00 per square foot. We should have a nice building for this amount of money. We should have 10% left over to try to include some of the things that were eliminated. **Mr. Gaechter so moved. Mr. Hartman seconded it.** Under discussion, Ms. Nolan told the Board that alternative #1 was to add back 1,000 square feet to the MPR. The priority order of the other eliminated things has not been decided yet. **Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

**Town Administrator's Report: (action items)**

- Reported that the MMA has asked municipalities to write to their Senators to oppose efforts to create a national video franchise authority. Mr. Hartman informed the BOS that the CAC is in favor of sending such a letter. **He moved to send the letter to Senators Kerry and Kennedy. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**
- Reported on her meeting with Ms. Gorn, who has complained about the number of buses idling at the Flex bus stop across from Dutra's Market. The owners of Dutra's are also concerned. Ms. Nolan has discussed with CCRTA that the beach parking lot next to the Top Mast Motel would be a better area, and would provide more parking as well. The Board agreed with that site for the summer season. They discussed the problem with all the buses idling as they wait at the stop. Ms. Nolan was directed to send a letter to the CCRTA on the change in site and the problem with the idling of the buses, with a copy sent to Ms. Gorn. Mr. Gaechter asked Ms. Nolan to find out who is maintaining the trash can at the current stop.

**Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)**

- Gaechter:** Reported that the BOS needs to set a date to attend the TNA annual meeting in July. After deciding that they need to hold their own meetings on July 11 and 18, Ms. Nolan was directed to contact the TNA and inform them the BOS could attend their meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the TCS.
- Reported that Truro Night at the Orleans Cardinals went well. He directed that a letter of thanks be sent to Martha Magane for singing at the game. Ms. Nolan will do so.

**With no further business, at 7:27 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to enter into Executive Session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to consider negotiations and not to reconvene in Open Session. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Roll Call Vote: Hartman, aye; Palmer, aye; Gaechter, aye; Worthington, aye. 4-0, unanimous.**

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Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

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Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

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Curtis Hartman

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Janet W. Worthington

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